

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the 2nd paragraph of page 4 with the following amended paragraph:

In other words, a compact flash memory card that has been employed up to date in a digital camera or PDA is very high in price per MB. Thus, in case of purchasing a compact flash memory card of a high capacity, for instance, 64MB or 128MB, it costs too much. For this reason, alternate auxiliary storage media have been developed by manufacturers, particularly, a click drive of 40MB which is relatively ~~expensive~~ cheap has been developed. However, the click drive has a low level of generality, thus it is disadvantageous in that a dedicated drive or PC card drive must be used and a PDA or digital camera also can be used in a device that can support them.

Please replace the 2nd paragraph of page 10 with the following amended paragraph:

Practically, the hard disk unit 203 is ~~overally~~ overly robust, requires a small power consumption and has a capacity of more than several GB, that is, a capacity capable of storing hundreds to tens of thousands of music pieces in the MP3 format.[-]

Please replace the 4th paragraph of page 3 through the 1st paragraph on page 4 with the following amended paragraphs:

Fig. 1 is a view of one example of a conventional portable storage device, wherein data is transmitted and backed up to a portable storage device, such as a digital camcorder, digital camera, MP3 player, digital recording machine and so on. Although a digital camera 101 as a portable storage device and a personal computer 105 as an external information system with display unit 108 are exemplified in this drawing, a personal notebook or microcomputer or the like is also applicable.

In Fig. 1, it is known that a memory card 102 mountable on the digital camera 101 is connected to a transmission unit 103 and is connected to the personal computer 105 via a cable 104 and a cable connector 107 as a connecting terminal is inserted and mounted into a parallel port 106 of the computer.

Please replace the 6th paragraph of page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

As shown therein, the portable data storage device 201, which is equipped with a memory, comprises a hard disk unit 203 for mounting a robust hard disk of a very small size and a large capacity and controlling the same; a memory unit 205 equipped with a ROM or RAM for providing a memory required for a control unit; a display unit 207 for interfacing an external device 202 and receiving a power from outside; and a control unit 204 for controlling each of the units.